

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF D.J. JACOBETTI MICHIGAN VET- ERANS HOME

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, on this Veterans Day, it is my honor to recognize the D.J. Jacobetti Veterans Home for decades of service to veterans, their families, and our communities. Through their tireless work and steadfast devotion to veterans, D.J. Jacobetti has become an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula and the State of Michigan.

D.J. Jacobetti was created in Marquette, Michigan, in 1981 following the increase in Michigan's veteran population after the Vietnam War. The establishment of the facility featured a spacious four-story building that was renovated from the former St. Mary's Hospital and was appropriately dedicated to the Yooper and longest serving member of the Michigan House of Representatives, Dominic J. Jacobetti. Throughout the past 40 years, D.J. Jacobetti and their staff have worked diligently to improve the lives of countless veterans, offering a variety of care options which include an on-site pharmacy, rehab and therapy, dementia care, and many others. The impact of their work has bettered the quality of life for many Yoopers, and their devotion to our veterans and local community cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize D.J. Jacobetti Michigan Veterans Home for their continued service to veterans and our Upper Peninsula communities. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING BEN HERNANDEZ- STERN AND HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COM- MITTEE

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise, along with my colleague, Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON LEE, Chair of the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, to thank Ben Hernandez-Stern for his service to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ben came to the Committee as part of a career focused on serving his country, which has included service in the National Guard, Air Force, Federal courts, Department of Health and Human Services, and Department of Justice. Ben received his B.A. from Brown University, J.D. from Stanford Law School, and M.A. from the U.S. Naval War College.

Ben joined our Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security as Counsel in 2019 and played a critical role in advancing the Subcommittee's priorities during the 116th Congress and the beginning of the 117th Congress. In the wake of an increase in hate crimes and gun violence, Ben played a leading role in the Subcommittee's work to address these crises. His portfolio included a wide range of issues, such as reforming our bail system, addressing fines and fees that disproportionately impact the poor and people of color, improving access to justice, and addressing domestic terrorism.

Ben is a team player, who was always willing to help out however needed. During the impeachments of President Donald Trump, Ben aided our oversight team—in addition to continuing to work on his broad policy portfolio—in our solemn duty to hold President Trump accountable for his impeachable offenses.

Ben's service to the country, however, wasn't limited just to his work on the Committee during the past few years; he also continued to serve as a Judge Advocate in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, deploying numerous times to serve his country in this additional capacity.

Ben's work on the Committee, to make our laws more just, has left a lasting impact on our country. In addition, Ben played a key role in developing the next generation of public servants. During his time on the committee, Ben mentored dozens of interns, both on and off his Subcommittee, providing them with assignments, valuable feedback, and guidance. Many of these interns went on to obtain full-time positions in the government thanks to Ben's mentorship.

While Ben's career at the House Judiciary Committee has come to a close, his career as a public servant has not. Ben was nominated and is now serving as a Judge in the Los Angeles County Superior Court. The California judiciary is fortunate to have such a strong advocate for justice on its bench.

We thank Ben for his service to the Committee and wish him the best of luck with this new chapter.

RECOGNIZING ANDREW FRENCH, 2020 CHAIR OF THE MICHIGAN RESTAURANT & LODGING ASSO- CIATION

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Andrew French of Ann Arbor, Michigan, the 2020 Chair of the Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association and President of Aubree's Flagstar. His decades of service to Michigan's restaurant and lodging industry and to our local community is worthy of commendation.

Aubrey William "Bill" and Sandee French opened Aubree's, a bar in Ypsilanti's historic Depot Town neighborhood in 1972. Raised in Ypsilanti, Michigan, Mr. French grew up in the restaurant industry. At age 15 he could be found in the back of his parent's bar washing dishes. After graduating from Michigan State University in 1997, he returned home to help his mom and dad revamp the family bar. In 1998, they purchased the space next door to the bar and expanded to become Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill.

In 2005, Mr. French became Vice President of the organization and when his father passed in 2015, he became President and CEO. The pizzeria quickly became a neighborhood favorite and gathering spot for family and friends in the area. With the success of the original Depot Town location, Aubree's has expanded to ten locations across the state of Michigan. To him the most important part of the job is creating a great customer experience for guests—Aubree's employees are part of the family.

In 2012, Mr. French was appointed to Board of the Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association. A strong advocate for Michigan's restaurant industry, he was appointed Chair of the Board in 2020. A voice for hospitality on the local, state, and federal levels, Mr. French is a tireless advocate for Michigan restaurants and their employees. Even during the pandemic, he has continued to help keep hundreds of small businesses afloat. Active in his own neighborhood, he serves on the Depot Town Community Development Corporation, as the Vice Chair of the Ypsilanti DDA, and on the board of the Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. He previously served on the boards for the Hope Clinic and the Ypsilanti Area Community Foundation. He resides in Ann Arbor with his family.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Mr. Andrew French for his exceptional leadership and extraordinary time. We are grateful for his commitment to the local community and economy and wish him and the Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BOB KNIGHT

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Bob Knight, a man who gave himself freely and fully to his family, business, state and community, who died on October 28, 2021.

He was born July 15, 1945, in the former Rollins Hospital at Gassville, Arkansas. Bob graduated from Mountain Home High School in 1963, the Wichita School of Broadcasting in 1965, and served in the U.S. Navy from 1965 to 1969 aboard the battleship New Jersey.

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